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SUBJECT: WARSAW PACT LEADER VISITS TO POLAND

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1. A POLISH JOURNALIST HAS INFORMED US THAT ON MARCH 26 HE ATTENDED A FOREIGN AFFAIRS BRIEFING GIVEN BY RYSZARD FRELEK, DIRECTOR OF THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT OF THE PZPR CENTRAL COMMITTEE. THE BRIEFING DEALT LARGELY WITH EUROPEAN PROBLEMS AND WAS FOR POLISH FOREIGN AFFAIRS JOURNALISTS AND SOME OF POLAND'S FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS IN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES.

2. ASKED BY ONE OF THE JOURNALISTS ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF A WARSAW PACT SUMMIT IN WARSAW TO CONCIDE WITH THE JULY 22 CELEBRATION OF THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF PEOPLE'S POLAND, FRELEK SAID THERE WERE NO PLANS FOR SUCH A
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MEETING. IN RESPONSE TO FURTHER QUESTIONING, HE SAID

THAT WARSAW PACT REPRESENTATION AT THE JULY 22 CELEBRATION MIGHT NOT BE AT THE FIRST SECRETARY LEVEL, POINTING OUT THAT HUSAK WAS JUST HERE AND HONECKER IS SCHEDULED TO VISIT IN JUNE. PRESSED ABOUT POSSIBLE ATTENDANCE BY BREZHNEV, FRELEK AVOIDED A DIRECT ANSWER BUT POINTED OUT THAT IF BREZHNEV CAME TO POLAND ON THAT OCCASION HE WOULD THEN BE OBLIGATED TO VISIT OTHER WP COUNTRIES THIS YEAR FOR SIMILAR ANNIVERSARIES (E.A. THE GDR'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY). FRELEK SUGGESTED THAT BREZHNEV WAS TOO BUSY WITH MORE IMPORTANT MATTERS TO SPEND THAT MUCH TIME ON CEREMONIAL VISITS.

3. COMMENT: WE HAVE NOTED SKEPTICISM AMONG POLISH SOURCES RECENTLY THAT THE JULY 22 CELEBRATIONS WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY A WP SUMMIT. HOWEVER, WE NOTE THAT SOME OF OUR NATO COLLEAGUES, MOST PARTICULARLY THE WEST GERMANS, ARE STILL SPECULATING THAT SUCH A MEETING WILL INDEED TAKE PLACE.
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